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2000/11
Future programme directions of UNFPA in light of the outcome of the ICPD+5

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of document DP/FPA/2000/9 and of the views expressed thereon at the annual session 2000;

2. *Endorses* the continuing use of UNFPA's three core programme areas: reproductive health, including family planning and sexual health; population and development strategies; and advocacy;

3. *Emphasizes* that UNFPA support should be focused on meeting the priority needs as identified by programme countries within the three core programme areas;

4. *Endorses* the proposed substantive focus within each core programme area as set forth in document DP/FPA/2000/9, and in particular encourages UNFPA to:

(a) Fulfil its leadership role as an advocate at global and national levels for reproductive health, population and development issues, and actions agreed at the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and at the twenty-first special session of the General Assembly on the ICPD+5;

(b) Help to ensure that ICPD goals and ICPD+5 benchmarks of particular concern to UNFPA are achieved, through its role in:

(i) Supporting development of population and development strategies, and helping to strengthen national capacity for data systems, analysis and population policy formulation, including for tracking progress in reproductive health and other key national population indicators;

(ii) Leading and supporting action on reproductive health, including family planning and sexual health, effective measures in the areas of maternal and adolescent reproductive health, prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, and reproductive health commodity security;

(iii) Advocating these goals and benchmarks with the aim of moving reproductive health up on the development agenda and of promoting policy changes as appropriate;

(iv) Working under the leadership of concerned programme country governments and in consultation with other development partners to ensure that population and development issues and reproductive health are properly addressed and coordinated in country-level programmes, including sector-wide approaches in health, education and other sectors, and other appropriate development assistance efforts;

5. *Endorses* the Fund's overall approach to collaboration and coordination within the United Nations system, and with other relevant stakeholders and organizations, and at the country level under the leadership of the concerned programme country government;

6. *Requests* the Executive Director to reflect and take account of the priorities outlined in the present decision in developing and refining the multi-year funding framework, as requested by the Executive Board in its decision 2000/9;

7. *Notes* with grave concern the financial situation facing UNFPA in fulfilling its leadership role as outlined above and the critical need for increased mobilization of resources from all sources, particularly from bilateral donors, the private sector, foundations and other appropriate sources.

16 June 2000

2000/12
UNFPA programming process

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* with appreciation of the report on the UNFPA programming approval process (DP/FPA/2000/11);

2. *Welcomes* progress towards the development of a more inclusive country programme preparation process with enhanced national ownership;

3. *Emphasizes* the need for further harmonization and standardization of programmes and programming procedures for all United Nations funds and programmes within the United Nations Development Group;

4. *Also emphasizes* the need for such further harmonization efforts to provide the basis for a substantive, timely and joint oversight function of the respective Executive Boards;

5. *Requests* UNFPA to propose to the other members of the United Nations Development Group the establishment of a working group with the objective of developing a common programme approval process, taking into consideration paragraphs 3 and 4 of the present decision;

6. *Requests* UNFPA to report to the Executive Board at the annual session 2001on progress and future options in the programming process.

16 June 2000

2000/13
Ensuring reproductive health in emergency situations

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director "Ensuring reproductive health in especially difficult circumstances: UNFPA programme experience and challenges" (DP/FPA/2000/12);

2. *Encourages* UNFPA, within its mandate, to provide appropriate and timely support in emergencies, as outlined in the report;

3. *Appeals* to UNFPA to ensure close cooperation in the framework of the existing international coordination mechanisms and to incorporate reproductive health issues in a timely manner in health responses to emergencies;

4. *Encourages* UNFPA to continue to seek extrabudgetary resources for support of population and reproductive health in emergencies, whenever possible through the United Nations Consolidated Appeal Process;

5. *Urges* members of the Fund to respond in a timely manner so that such appeals from UNFPA are adequately funded;

6. *Endorses* the use of up to $1 million of regular resources per year from the interregional programme for reproductive health needs in special circumstances as a leveraging base from which to build appeals for extrabudgetary resources, as set out in the annex to the present decision;

7. *Encourages* UNFPA to evaluate its organizational capacity and systematize its responses to reproductive health needs in special circumstances and to monitor and evaluate its overall performance in this regard;

8. *Requests* the Executive Director to include in her annual report a summary of activities funded by these resources.

16 June 2000

Annex

1. The emergency funds could be accessed in situations where serious and immediate population and reproductive health needs are clearly identified but where any of the three following criteria apply:

(a) Regular country programme funds are not available at all;

(b) Country programme funds are not immediately available but could be used at a later date for reimbursement with the approval of the government;

(c) Donor support for the UNFPA component of a Consolidated Appeal Process has been committed but funds are not yet in hand.

In the last two cases, the reserve would support the cost of immediate needs and would then be reimbursed.

2. UNFPA will continue to seek extrabudgetary resources for support of population and reproductive health in crisis situations, considering the $1 million of regular resources per year from the interregional programme for reproductive health needs in special circumstances as a leveraging base from which to build appeals for such resources.

2000/14
United Nations Volunteers

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* with appreciation of the report of the Administrator on the activities of the United Nations Volunteers programme during the 1998-1999 biennium (DP/2000/24) and the significant growth achieved during that period;

2. *Welcomes* the use of the UNDP strategic results framework, including the way in which it encompasses United Nations Volunteers support to the United Nations system as a whole;

3. *Reaffirms* the importance as well as the value-added of the United Nations Volunteers programme at the global, regional and national levels, including in poverty reduction, electoral support and the promotion of South-South collaboration;

4. *Welcomes* the contribution of the United Nations Volunteers programme to national capacity-building and sustainable development through, in particular, the expanded mobilization of national UNV volunteers;

5. *Supports* the relevant bridging role that UNV volunteers can play in the transition from humanitarian assistance to reconstruction and rehabilitation and to longer-term sustainable development;

6. *Decides* that the theme of the special event at its annual session 2001 will be volunteering in the framework of the International Year of Volunteers and the thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations Volunteers programme.

22 June 2000

2000/15
Annual report of the Administrator for 1999

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Administrator (DP/2000/23 and Add.2 and 3) and requests the Administrator to take fully into account the views expressed by States members of the Programme in this regard, and also takes note of the results-oriented annual report (DP/2000/23/Add.1 and DP/2000/CRP.10) together with the views expressed thereon;

2. *Commends* the Administrator and his staff for the efforts made in preparing the results-oriented annual report;

3. *Encourages* the promotion and further refinement of the results-oriented annual report process as an integral part of the multi-year funding framework, in consultation with States members of the Programme.

23 June 2000

2000/16
Annual report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office for Project Services

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Project Services (DP/2000/25), including operation in accordance with the self-financing principle in relation to recurring administrative expenditure;

2. *Emphasizes* again the importance of effective follow-up of the report on the evaluation of the relationship between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Office for Project Services and requests that a progress report be submitted to the Executive Board at its third regular session 2000 on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the evaluation;

3. *Requests* the Management Coordination Committee to assist with urgency the United Nations Office for Project Services and the United Nations Development Programme in overcoming the difficulties detailed in paragraphs 48-50 of document DP/2000/25;

4. *Takes note* of the fact that a drawdown from the operational reserve of the United Nations Office for Project Services was effected in 1999, in the amount of $13.8 million, to cover part of the non-recurring expenditure;

5. *Notes* with concern that the cost of relocating the headquarters of the United Nations Office for Project Services has risen from $8.5 million to $14 million and requests the Executive Director to inform the Executive Board regularly on the timing and means of reconstituting the operational reserve;

6. *Requests* the Executive Director to submit at the third regular session 2000 a report on steps taken to implement decision 99/17 of 15 September 1999 and to submit at the first regular session 2001 a detailed report on the steps taken to implement the delegation of personnel authority;

7. *Also requests* the Executive Director to submit at the third regular session 2000, a new, justified proposal with regard to the upgrading of two existing posts from the P-5 level to the D-1 level; and also to present a report reviewing the current procedures for approval of the establishment of posts at the D-1 level outlined in Executive Board decision 94/32 of 10 October 1994, with the view of achieving a practice that is more consistent with the establishment of posts at all levels up to and including the P-5 level.

23 June 2000

2000/17
Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its annual session 2000

The Executive Board

Recalls that during the annual session 2000, it:

Item 1
Organizational matters

Approved the agenda and work plan for its annual session 2000 (DP/2000/L.3) as orally amended;

Approved the report of the second regular session 2000 (DP/2000/20);

Agreed to the following schedule of sessions of the Executive Board in 2000 and 2001:

Third regular session 2000:	25-29 September 2000*
First regular session 2001:	29 January-10 February 2001
Annual session 2001:	11-22 June 2001 (New York)
Second regular session 2001:	10-14 September 2001*

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* Subject to approval by the Committee on Conferences.

Agreed to the work plan for the third regular session 2000 of the Executive Board, contained in the annex to the present decision;

Held a UNFPA special event on "Adolescent Reproductive Health" on 13 June 2000;

Held a UNDP special event on "Contribution to the debate on the United Nations operational activities for development and the key role of partnerships" on 22 June 2000;

UNFPA segment

Item 2
Report of the Executive Director for 1999

Took note of the report of the Executive Director for 1999 (DP/FPA/2000/8 (Part I and Part I/Add.1, Part II and Corr.1 and Part III), with comments made thereon;

Item 3
ICPD+5

Adopted decision 2000/11 of 16 June 2000 on future programme directions of UNFPA in light of the outcome of the ICPD+5;

Item 4
Evaluation

Took note of the periodic report on UNFPA's evaluation activities (DP/FPA/2000/10);

Item 5
Information and communication strategy

Took note of the oral report on the implementation of the UNFPA information and communication strategy;

Item 6
UNFPA programming process

Adopted decision 2000/12 of 16 June 2000 on the UNFPA programming process;

Item 7
Emergency assistance

Adopted decision 2000/13 of 16 June 2000 on ensuring reproductive health in emergency situations;

Joint UNDP/UNFPA segment

Item 8
Internal audit and oversight

Took note of the reports on internal audit and oversight activities of the United Nations Development Programme (DP/2000/21), of the United Nations Population Fund (DP/FPA/2000/13) and of the United Nations Office for Project Services (DP/2000/25/Add.1);

UNDP segment

Item 9
Annual report of the Administrator for 1999, including the results-oriented annual report (ROAR)

Adopted decision 2000/15 of 23 June 2000 on the annual report of the Administrator for 1999;

Item 10
Communication and advocacy strategy

Took note of the oral report on UNDP corporate communication and advocacy strategy;

Item 11
United Nations Volunteers

Adopted decision 2000/14 of 22 June 2000 on United Nations Volunteers;

Item 12
Country cooperation frameworks and related matters

Approved the following country cooperation frameworks:

Second country cooperation framework for Azerbaijan	DP/CCF/AZE/2
Second country cooperation framework for the Islamic Republic of Iran	DP/CCF/IRA/2
Second country cooperation framework for Romania	DP/CCF/ROM/2
Second country cooperation framework for Turkmenistan	DP/CCF/TUK/2

Approved the following extension of the first country cooperation framework:

First extension of the first country cooperation framework for Brazil	DP/CCF/BRA/1/EXT.1

Took note of the following extensions of country cooperation frameworks:

First extension of the first country cooperation framework for Argentina	DP/CCF/ARG/1/EXT.I
First extension of the first country cooperation framework for Chile	DP/CCF/CHI/1/EXT.I
First extension of the first country cooperation framework for Uruguay	DP/CCF/URU/1/EXT.I

Item 13
United Nations Office for Project Services

Adopted decision 2000/16 of 23 June 2000 on the annual report of the Executive Director for 1999;

Took note of the report of the Executive Director on the updated review of the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors (DP/2000/26);

Item 14
Other matters

Took note of the report on the field visit to Mali and Mauritania (DP/2000/CRP.11 and Corr.1);

Took note of the report on the field visit to Cambodia (DP/2000/CRP.12).

23 June 2000

Tentative work plan
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Day/date	*Time*	*Item*	*Subject*
Monday, 25 September	a.m.	1	Organizational matters: agenda and work plan; report on the annual session 2000; list of items to be taken by the Executive Board in 2001
			UNFPA segment
		2	Resource allocation system
	p.m.	2	Resource allocation system (continued)
Tuesday, 26 September	a.m.	3	Financial, budgetary and administrative matters
	p.m.	4	Technical advisory programme
		5	Country programmes and related matters
Wednesday, 27 September	a.m.		**UNDP segment**
		6	United Nations Office for Project Services
	p.m.	7	Financial, budgetary and administrative matters
Thursday, 28 September	a.m.	7	Financial, budgetary and administrative matters (continued)
	p.m.	8	Evaluation
Friday, 29 September	a.m.	9	Country cooperation frameworks and related matters
	p.m.	10	Technical cooperation among developing countries
			Pending decisions
		11	Other matters
		1	Organizational matters